



Short-eared owl

Bearberry

Killdeer

Jack pine

Paper birch

Common redpoll

Lake Michigan Sand Dune Habitat

Group: 1-3 years

A sandy home for rare plants and animals

Lake Michigan is a very important habitat for certain plants and animals. Some of these creatures and plants can't be found anywhere else in the world! Being so near a big lake, the soil is sandy and wet.

Birds who have flown all the way across Lake Michigan love this area. They like to stop and rest on the southern shore before moving on.

Here's a drawing of some dunes -- big sandy hills -- like the ones at Lake Michigan. See the redpoll bird in the paper birch tree. Look at the spiky needles on the Jack pine trees. The short-eared owl soars over the bearberry flowers as the killdeer folds its wings and watches from the ground.

Name: _____

Age: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

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